1	2	3	4	5	6
26.	Uttar Pradesh	75.00	50.00	125.00	125.00
27.	Uttaranchal	75.00	50.00	125.00	125.00
28.	West Bengal	75.00	25.00	100.00	100.00
Union Territories					
29.	A & N Island	75.00	NIL	75.00	100.00
30.	Chandigarh	75.00	125.00	200.00	NIL
31.	D & N Haveli	75.00	NIL	75.00	60.00
32.	Daman & Diu	75.00	NIL	75.00	60.00
33.	NCT Delhi	75.00	125.00	200.00	200.00
34.	Lakshadweep	75.00	—	75.00	100.00
35.	Pondicherry	75.00	50.00	125.00	125.00

Drought prone areas in the country

887. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total drought prone areas in the country during the last five years specially in the western part of India;

(b) the steps taken/are being taken by Government to solve this problem; and

(c) the amount spent to contain drought in the country so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) was launched during 1973-74 with the objective of drought proofing in degraded dry lands in the country. In 1994-95 a High Level Technical Committee, by adopting a scientific criteria, identified the extent of drought prone areas in the country. Presently the programme has coverage of 74.6 million hectare spread over 182 districts in 16 States. The Western States of Maharashtra and Gujarat are covered under the programme and the drought prone area identified under these two States is 19.45 million hectares and 4.39 million hectares respectively.

(b) The DPAP was being implemented on sectoral basis upto 1994-95 and during this period an area of 5.71 million hectares was treated. From 1995-96, the programme is being implemented on watershed basis and 16268 watershed projects for treatment of 8.13 million hectares have been sanctioned.

(c) Upto 1994-95, when the programme was implemented on sectoral basis, Central Government released an amount of Rs. 881.00 crores to Programme States. The Release figures, thereafter, upto 21.02.2003 is Rs. 1113.38 crores.

Review of Rural Development Programmes

888. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is reviewing the programmes of Rural Development Projects/Schemes in terms of non-performance and under-utilisation of funds;

(b) whether the Centre has sought the concurrence of States to facilitate constitutional amendment to Panchayati Raj Act and if so, the reaction of the States thereto;

(c) whether the Centre plans to revise the guidelines for Rural Development Schemes and Projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has initiated steps to further revise the Guidelines of the Watershed Development Programmes under 'Hariyali'.

Proper functioning of District Rural Development Authority

889. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that District Rural Development Authority is not yet properly instituted; and

(b) if so, what measures would the Minister adopt to make the institution work properly?